2019 NCHV Annual Conference

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Welcome to Washington

We are excited to once again gather service providers and other stakeholders from across the country for the 2019 NCHV Annual Conference!

Together we have made tremendous progress helping thousands of veterans find housing stability. But there is still work to do. Over the next few days, we will celebrate successes, share challenges, and examine our collective efforts to end veteran homelessness. Moving forward, we must ensure that practice, policy, and innovation are

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NCHV 2019 Annual Conference
Schedule At a Glance

Wednesday, May 29
7:00 AM  Registration and Exhibits Open
7:00 AM  Breakfast
8:30 AM  Opening Session
10:30 AM  Foundational Sessions: Public Policy,
           Data-Informed Decision Making, Veteran Homelessness 101
12:30 PM  Luncheon Plenary: A Conversation with the NCHV Founders
2:00 PM  Learning Institutes

Thursday, May 30
7:00 AM  Breakfast
8:15 AM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 1
9:45 AM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 2
11:15 AM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 3
12:30 PM  Lunch on Own
2:00 PM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 4
3:30 PM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 5
5:15 PM  Cocktail Reception w/Exhibitors
6:00 PM  NCHV Awards Ceremony
6:45 PM  Awards Celebration/Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres

Friday, May 31
7:15 AM  Breakfast
8:15 AM  General Session
9:15 AM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 6 and Federal Partners Panel
10:45 AM  Concurrent Workshops - Round 7

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Working together to improve the lives of those who have sacrificed so much to protect us.

Citi is proud to be a longstanding supporter of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in its efforts to end homelessness among veterans.

Citi Salutes® supports veteran service organizations and nonprofit partners dedicated to serving the men and women who have sacrificed for our country.

Learn more at CitiSalutes.com
Exhibitors

We are pleased to have the following exhibitors on hand to showcase their products and services:

- American Medical ID
- The Baltimore Station
- Convenience Kits International
- CORT
- Make the Connection
- Social Security Administration
- Upstate Warrior Solution
- The Yellow Ribbon Network

The exhibitors are located in the Independence Foyer. Stop by to meet them and learn about their offerings!
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Thank you NCHV for your leadership in the effort to end homelessness among Veterans.

TAC consultants provide expert technical assistance for SSVF, Grant & Per Diem, Vets@Home, and HUD-VASH voucher programs – learn more at www.tacinc.org!
Breakfast

Independence Foyer

Registration will open at 7:00 a.m. Please join us here for breakfast.

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General Session Featured Speakers

Independence Ballroom

Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D.

On March 2nd, 2017, Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D., was sworn in as the 17th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For nearly 30 years, Secretary Carson served as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children’s Center, a position he assumed when he was just 33 years old, becoming the youngest major division director in the hospital’s history. In 1987, he successfully performed the first separation of craniopagus twins conjoined at the back of the head. He also performed the first fully successful separation of type-2 vertical craniopagus twins in 1997 in South Africa.

Dr. Carson received dozens of honors and awards in recognition of his achievements including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. He is also a recipient of the Spingarn Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Dr. Carson authored nine books, four of which he co-wrote with his wife Candy. The U.S. News Media Group and Harvard’s Center for Public Leadership named him among “America’s Best Leaders” in 2008.

Dr. Carson and his wife co-founded the Carson Scholars Fund, which recognizes young people of all backgrounds for exceptional academic and humanitarian accomplishments. The Fund is currently operating in 50 states and the District of Columbia, and has recognized more than 7,300 scholars, awarded more than $7.3 million in scholarships, and installed more than 150 Ben Carson Reading Rooms around the country.

Born in Detroit to a single mother with a 3rd grade education who worked multiple jobs to support their family, Secretary Carson was raised to love reading and education. He graduated from Yale University and earned his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. He and his wife are the proud parents of three adult sons and three grandchildren.
Jonathan VanderPlas

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Secretary Acosta swore in Jon VanderPlas as Chief of Staff for the Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service.

Previously, Jon served as Legislative Counsel to Senator Mark Kirk where he focused on Appropriations Committee responsibilities, successfully led the reform of an important federal railroad loan program, and facilitated the enactment of significant water infrastructure legislation. Jon also served as Counsel to Congressman Mike Coffman, the Chairman of the House Veterans’ Affairs Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, where he helped uncover the VA patient wait list crisis that led to the $16 billion Veteran Access to Care Act.

Prior to his Congressional staff experience, Jon served honorably as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps. Jon’s military service included assignments in Quantico, VA, Newport, RI, and at the Pentagon in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jon earned his undergraduate degree in political science from Michigan State University and his law degree from DePaul University College of Law. Jon currently lives in Springfield, Virginia with his wife and daughter.
Heather Prill

Heather is the Senior Manager of Strategic Partnerships and Programs for The Home Depot Foundation. Ms. Prill strategically builds and manages key relationships with national organizations and other entities that partner with THDF to further the mission of ensuring every veteran has a safe place to call home.

With over 15 years of non-profit executive leadership experience, Heather’s roles have allowed her to focus on community giving and development, nonprofit capacity building, and relationship development with diverse populations.

Giving back to the community is important to Heather. She has served on several boards including: Metro Atlanta Corporate Volunteer Council, City of Greenville Housing Authority, Humane Society, the Nonprofit Alliance, and the national AmeriCorps Alums board.

Ruth A. Christopherson

Senior Vice President
Citi Salutes and Citi Community Development

Ruth Christopherson manages Citi Salutes, a company-wide initiative to support veterans, service members, and their families through dedicated programs, products, and partnerships. Citi Salutes serves the greater veterans community through career opportunities, collaborating with peer institutions, and partnering with leading veteran service organizations in the areas of employment, financial education, and housing.

She also serves as the Citi Community Development Market Manager for South Dakota, working with local nonprofits to create and support programs that ensure economic empowerment and growth for underserved communities in the Greater Sioux Falls region.

Ms. Christopherson is a twenty-two-year veteran of Citi, holding a variety of previous positions including Financial Controller for Citi Global Technology, Director of Operations for Citi’s Student Loan Corporation and Managing Director of Mortgage Wholesale Originations for CitiMortgage in St Louis. She returned to South Dakota and assumed the role within Citi Community Development in October of 2009.

She was a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard with over 30 years of service, culminating in attaining the rank of Colonel and holding the position of Chief of Staff for the SD Air National Guard prior to her retirement in 2008.

Ms. Christopherson received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota. She currently serves as a director on four community boards and one advisory board. Ruth and her husband, Reid, reside on an acreage near Garretson, SD. They have two grown children and one grandchild.
THEY KEPT US SAFE
NOW IT’S OUR TURN.

Thank you, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, for tirelessly fighting for a world where all veterans have safe homes and hopeful futures.

Our Mission is to ensure all Veterans have a permanent place to call home.

We help prevent homelessness by providing:
- Transitional and Permanent Housing
- Legal Information, Assistance and Advice
- Employment Services

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A Conversation with the NCHV Founders

NCHV was founded in 1990 by a small group of community-based service providers who were troubled by the disproportionately large percentage of homeless people who were veterans, and the lack of veteran-specific programs to help them. We’ve come a long way since then as an organization and a movement. Join us for a lively conversation with the NCHV Founders who will discuss the historical context, the role of data in the evolution of veteran homeless services, and how to best serve veterans in need.
National Equity Fund has been creating opportunities for individuals and families in big cities and small towns throughout the country since 1987.

Permanent affordable housing benefits people as well as the economic stability and growth of communities. We accomplish that in part through our veteran’s housing initiative, Bring them HOMES. Offering much more than just brick and mortar projects, the program provides our service men, women and families permanent supportive housing, a way to recover their health, find good jobs and reclaim their independence.

Debbie Burkart, National VP Supportive Housing
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Learning Institutes and Conference Tracks

Learning Institutes
Introduced at the 2018 Annual Conference and back by popular demand, the Learning Institutes will take place on Wednesday afternoon. The Institutes last from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a break in the middle. The extended time provides an opportunity for in-depth exploration of these important topics:

- Combat to Community
- Citi Community Development Housing Institute
- Advocacy 101
- Income Maximization to Promote Stability
- Homelessness and Racial Equity
- Promoting Recovery-oriented care for Veterans experiencing housing instability: a conversation with VA National Center on Homelessness among Veterans leadership

Conference Tracks
This year’s conference features more than 50 individual workshops, each lasting one hour and 15 minutes. To help attendees easily identify relevant sessions, the workshops have been organized into seven tracks based on the following broad themes:

Track A: Housing Challenges, Housing Solutions
Track B: Promoting Stability: Employment and Income
Track C: Special Populations: What Do We Know?
Track D: Leveraging National Programs to Stimulate Local Innovation
Track E: National Programs: Policy and Impact
Track F: Program Management: Improving Efficiency
Track G: Staying Informed: Research, Data, and Trends

Although the sessions are organized into these tracks, each session stands alone. You may choose to attend sessions from a single track or multiple tracks to match your interests. Incubator Sessions, noted in Red are more interactive than traditional workshops. These solutions-based discussions focus on generating new ideas to addressing common challenges and solve problems.

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ARE YOU A HOMELESS FEMALE VETERAN IN NEED OF HOUSING?

Since 1996, Mary Hall Freedom House (MHFH) has been a leader in behavioral healthcare, housing, and support services, serving more than 10,000 women and children to date. Described as a place where women can find love, acceptance, and hope for a better life, MHFH cares for each woman that walks through the door on her journey to recovery and self-reliance.

Elizabeth’s Place (EP) addresses the special needs of homeless female veterans and homeless female veterans responsible for the care of dependent children by providing a community based transitional housing program. The program operates under a “living proof” system where staff experienced in case management and trained as peer specialist establish camaraderie with program participants and assist them with their skills, abilities, and income to end homelessness.

Veterans Independent Path (VIP) provides residential housing and case management services to homeless female veterans and facilitates their access to a broad range of services to include medical, substance abuse, mental health, rehabilitative, and employment placement. The goal of the program upon completion is every veteran should have permanent affordable housing.

Training Reintegration Outreach and Opportunity Program Services (T.R.O.O.P.S.) is exclusively designed to address and meet the employment needs of our country’s military veterans, and veterans with families who are at risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness.

MHFH serves and houses more than 800 women, children, and families per year.

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MHFH is grateful to partner with the Veterans Administration (VA) and the Department of Labor to provide housing and employment services to veterans and their families.
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*Featured Speakers:*  
The Honorable Benjamin S. Carson  
Jonathan VanderPlas  
Heather Prill, The Home Depot Foundation  
Ruth Christopherson, Citi  
Ginger Miller | Independence Ballroom |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | **Foundational Sessions**  
Public Policy Session  
Data-Informed Decision Making  
Veteran Homelessness 101 | Constitution B  
Independence FGHI  
Farragut/Lafayette |
| 12:30 – 1:30 PM  | **Luncheon Plenary:**  
*A Conversation with the NCHV Founders*  
Michael Blecker  
Ralph Cooper  
Bill Elmore  
Robert Van Keuren | Independence Ballroom |
| 2:00 – 5:00 PM   | **Learning Institutes**  
Combat to Community  
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### NCHV Awards Cocktail Reception

The evening begins with a cocktail reception in Independence Foyer among our exhibitors. Browse their services and products as you unwind and mingle with other attendees.

*All Conference participants will be provided with one drink ticket good for the Cocktail Reception or Awards Celebration. A cash bar will also be available.*

### Annual NCHV Awards Ceremony

Join us in the Constitution Ballroom to honor the accomplishments and contributions of the organizations and individuals selected as recipients of 2019 NCHV Awards.

- **Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement**
  Awarded to a person whose career reflects an exemplary devotion to bringing attention and services to homeless veterans.

- **Outstanding Member Award**
  Awarded to the NCHV member that has demonstrated leadership in coalition building.

- **Meritorious Service Award**
  Awarded to a person who exemplifies service to NCHV, its members, and homeless veterans in general.

- **Partnership Award**
  Awarded to an organization or individual whose work building effective partnerships exemplifies creativity and collaboration.

- **Unsung Hero Award**
  Awarded to a person who has contributed to the recognition of the homeless veteran issue in a supporting or unrecognized leadership role.

- **Federal Agency Staff Award**
  Awarded to a Federal Agency staff member who has exhibited a strong commitment to the service of homeless veterans.

- **Public Policy Award**
  Awarded to a public policy partner who has displayed a strong commitment to advancing legislation that serves homeless veterans.

### NCHV Awards Celebration

Following the Awards Ceremony, we’ll move to the other half of Independence Ballroom to celebrate our Awardees with heavy hors d’oeuvres, drinks, and the fellowship of our community of stakeholders who are ending veteran homelessness across the country.
The Jerald Washington Memorial Founders’ Award is the highest honor bestowed in the homeless veteran assistance community. The award honors the memory of Jerald Washington, former organizer of veteran assistance programs in Florida and Tennessee, and a co-founder of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. The award is presented to an individual who embodies the spirit of service and sacrifice displayed by Washington throughout his career, and acknowledges that person’s special place in the history of the homeless veteran assistance movement.

Jerald “Jerry” Washington returned home to Tennessee from the Vietnam War and dedicated the remainder of his life to teaching and serving veterans, especially those who were experiencing difficulty readjusting to civilian life after serving in combat. He taught political science at the University of Tennessee and Sul Ross University in Texas, but he will be remembered most for his work to help homeless veterans.

Washington proudly served as one of NCHV’s leaders from the organization’s founding in 1990 until his death in 2001. He established Base Camp Inc., in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Veterans Community Leadership Corporation in Jacksonville, Florida. He served as president of Vietnam Veterans of America-Tennessee Chapter, and of the Northeast Florida Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Inc., in Jacksonville. During his term of service, NCHV grew from 16 community-based organizations to a coalition of hundreds of service providers and Federal partners reaching across America. He was driven by his unconditional devotion to all of this nation’s veterans in need, and remains an inspiration to all who knew and served with him.
2002
Eileen Conners,
U.S. Department of Labor

2003
Raymond Boland,
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

2004
Thomas Wynn Sr.,
Center for Veterans Issues

2005
Linda Boone,
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

2005
Peter Dougherty,
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2006
Rep. Lane Evans,
House Committee on Veterans Affairs

2007
Charles “Chick” Ciccolella,
U.S. Department of Labor

2008
Mark Johnston,
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

2009
President Barack Obama

2010
Secretary Eric Shinseki,
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2011
Secretary Shaun Donovan,
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

2012
President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama

2013
Peter Dougherty,
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2014
The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation

2015
First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady Jill Biden

2016
Matthew Doherty,
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

2017
Baylee Crone,
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

2018
Mark Walker,
American Legion

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As a founder and member since 1990, Swords to Plowshares proudly supports the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

Founded in 1974, Swords to Plowshares is a community-based not-for-profit organization that provides counseling and case management, rapid re-housing and eviction prevention services, employment and training, supportive housing, and legal benefits assistance for low-income, homeless, and at-risk veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area.
Robert Wilkie
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

The Honorable Robert Wilkie was nominated by President Trump to serve as the tenth Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on July 23, 2018, and sworn in on July 30, 2018. Mr. Wilkie previously served as the acting Secretary of VA from March 28 to May 29, 2018.

Before confirmation as VA Secretary, Mr. Wilkie served Secretary James Mattis as his Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness—the principal advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for Total Force Management as it relates to readiness, National Guard and Reserve component affairs, health affairs, training, and personnel requirements and management, including equal opportunity, morale, welfare, recreation, and the quality of life for military families.

The son of an Army artillery commander, Mr. Wilkie spent his youth at Fort Bragg. Today, he is a colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff. Before joining the Air Force, he served in the United States Navy Reserve with the Joint Forces Intelligence Command, Naval Special Warfare Group Two, and the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Mr. Wilkie has more than 20 years of federal service at the national and international levels. During the George W. Bush Administration, Mr. Wilkie served both Donald Rumsfeld and Robert Gates as Assistant Secretary of Defense from 2005–2009, and he was the youngest senior leader in the Department. Mr. Wilkie was Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and a senior director of the National Security Council under Dr. Condoleezza Rice. He also has extensive experience in the United States Congress, including recent service as Senior Advisor to Senator Thom Tillis and service as Counsel and Advisor on International Security Affairs to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Honorable Trent Lott. Mr. Wilkie shepherded the Senate confirmation process for James Mattis, Robert Gates, and Admiral Mike Mullen (CJCS), and he was responsible for the preparation of General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker for their multiple appearances before the Congress in defense of the Iraqi Surge.

Mr. Wilkie was Vice President for Strategic Programs for CH2M HILL, one of the world’s largest engineering and program management firms, where for five years he held program management and advisory assignments as diverse as the London 2012 Summer Olympics and the reform and reorganization of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense Supply and Logistics System (DE&S).

Mr. Wilkie holds an Honors degree from Wake Forest University, a Juris Doctor from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University, and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. A graduate of the College of Naval Command and Staff, Air Command and Staff College, the United States Army War College, and the Joint Forces Staff College, Mr. Wilkie has published articles in the Naval War College Review, Parameters, Armed Forces Journal International, Air and Space Power Journal, and Proceedings. He holds personal and unit decorations, as well as the Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest non-career civilian award of the Department.
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| 8:15 - 9:00AM | **General Session**  
*Featured Speakers:*
*The Honorable Robert L. Wilkie* | Independence Ballroom      |
| 9:15 – 10:30 AM | **Federal Partners and Concurrent Workshops – Round 6**  
Federal Partners Panel  
B8: Employment for Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: An Employer’s Perspective  
D8: Re-housing Homeless Veterans in Reno: Using Empirically Grounded Clinical Interventions to Assist in the Transition Out of Homelessness  
F8: Fundraising 101 - Developing a Plan | Independence Ballroom  
Independence FG  
Independence HI  
Farragut/Lafayette |
| 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM | **Concurrent Workshops – Round 7**  
B6: The Perfect Fit: Serving Veterans with Significant Needs and Employers to Create the Ideal Career Match  
B7: Military Programs for Improving Financial Health  
F9: Strategic Communications for Veteran Service Providers  
C10: Reducing Veteran Homelessness by Serving Justice Involved Veterans  
A8: Creative Coalitions: Tiny Homes in Seattle | Independence A  
Independence FG  
Independence HI  
Farragut/Lafayette  
Constitution CD |
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THURSDAY AT 2PM-3:15PM

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Spokane County Regional Veterans Services is a Regional Strategic Partnership with Spokane County, the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Westcare Foundation, leading innovation in Rural Veterans Services by providing comprehensive veterans services in the inland northwest in a state of the art veteran-centric facility supported by web based case conferencing and referral services through WA Serves, Unite Us.
NCHV’s corporate partners have played a vital role in reducing the number of homeless veterans by over 75% since 2005.

Generous donations from these and other partners provide funds for NCHV to do the following:

- Raising awareness and educating service organizations and communities about homeless veterans and the programs in place to help them
- Providing expert advice and assistance to Congress and the federal agencies involved with homeless veteran issues and service programs
- Leadership in building partnerships between service providers and government agencies
- Immediate notification of government, corporate and foundation grants for homeless service providers
- Bi-monthly newsletter with resources from private and government sources
- Support and update www.nchv.org - the nation’s most comprehensive website on homeless veteran issues and programs
- Legislative alerts and analysis of legislation affecting homeless veterans and service organizations
- Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. and regional conferences on a wide range of topics for service providers
- National toll-free Homeless Veteran Help Line 1-800-VET-HELP

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